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## GHASTLY CRIME STIRS PARIS

### MURDER CASE IS CUT SHORT FATHER CLAIMS WRONG DONE

**Aged Parent of Benito Gaimandez Furnishes Sensational Aftermath—Son Pleads Guilty to Murder of Private Bostic and Gets Twenty Years—He Was Told Would Be Given a Light Sentence, It Is Charged**

Benito Gaimandez, Porto Rican, pleaded guilty this morning to the charge of murder in the second degree, and the trial of the man for the murder of Private Bostic at Iwilei on the night of June 10, 1912, came to a sudden end.

Gaimandez was taken to prison with a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment passed upon him. Two hours afterward the aged father of Benito made a public statement in which he declared that his son is innocent and that an injustice has been done him. The father, fifty-nine years of age, appeared to the Star-Bulletin to publish what he says is a statement of the conditions surrounding the plea of guilty and the end of the case. He says, in brief, that his son was induced to plead guilty by the promise of a light sentence, and that he was told by the Spanish interpreter to plead guilty or he would certainly be hung.

On the other hand, County Attorney Cathcart, who represented the prosecution at the close of the case, says this statement is ridiculous and that he believes it is a framed-up job growing out of a row over interpreters that began some months ago.

Efforts to reach the attorney for Gaimandez, L. M. Straus, and the interpreter in the case, Mendez, this afternoon were unsuccessful. This is the story that Pascacio Gaimandez, father of Benito Gaimandez, told this morning after his son had pled guilty to murder in the second degree and received a sentence of twenty years' imprisonment.

"My son is innocent, and something is wrong about this case. After he was sentenced this morning my son told me that he was forced to plead guilty. He says that he was told by the interpreter he would get a light sentence if he would plead guilty to the charge of murder in the second degree.

"The interpreter, Mendez, according to what my son told me, took Benito into a room this morning and told him to plead guilty to the second degree charge. He told Benito that if he didn't plead guilty he would be hung. He said he would certainly be hung if he didn't plead as he was told to. Benito told me that he pled guilty only because he was instructed to do so. He says in his own conscience he knows he is not guilty.

"There was a witness for my son there this morning but he was never called. His name is Aricquo Valdez, and he was living upstairs in my house when the man was killed. He would have testified for my son, but he was not called. Benito told me this morning that the interpreter said to him 'You plead guilty to this charge or there will be no witness for you and you will be hung by the neck.'

"The girl, Carmela Ramon, who testified against him, has turned against him for another reason. He had told her he would not live with her because he must support his own father and mother. When this came up, she said to him, 'If you don't live with me I will put you in jail, and the same day he was arrested.'

"I want to tell the public these facts to show the true conditions under which my son was sentenced. I know he is not guilty and would not have pleaded guilty had he not been told he would get a light sentence by so doing."

County Attorney Cathcart's Statement. County Attorney Cathcart scouted the story of injustice being done.

"The whole thing is a job on Straus, the attorney for the defendant," he said this afternoon. "He refused to allow a certain man to interpret for him and I believe that the man is attempting to get even with the attorney by sending the father of the defendant to the papers. It's too absurd."

"All that I know of the matter personally is that after the prosecution rested this morning I was called into the chambers of the judge, where I found Mr. Straus waiting. He asked me if I would take a lower plea and I said I would accept murder in the second degree."

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### MIHLSTEIN SAYS THEATERS ARE DANGEROUS

In his report of the work of the building and plumbing department for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1912, to the mayor, Inspector J. J. Miehlsstein comments on pressure upon the inspection service, acknowledging assistance from the sanitary inspectors. He then proceeds to point out delinquencies in the matter of fire escapes and what he designates "another very grave matter" in the conditions of theaters and moving picture shows. Mr. Miehlsstein says:

"With the new plumbing ordinance in effect, the situation—referring to inspection—will be somewhat relieved, but there are matters in the building ordinance which are of great importance to the community at large, such as fire escapes and stand pipes. Up to the present time, out of fifty (50) notifications to owners to place fire escapes and stand pipes on their buildings, only thirteen (13) have complied. This is a matter that this department would like to enforce vigorously in the immediate future.

"Another very grave matter is that of existing theaters and moving picture shows. Upon several occasions, while inspecting theaters with the chief of the fire department, we found that exits had been changed, dressing rooms of wood constructed, inflammable material promiscuously strewn around in the rear of the stage, exits locked and some barricaded; all to the immediate danger of the patrons of these establishments and the public in general. In cities on the mainland these conditions are remedied by ordinances incorporating regulations governing them, which are enforced by the police."

### REORGANIZATION SLOGAN OF GUARD

With the stakes driven and ground broken for the new armory, and the old drill shed gutted of company property and fixtures, the National Guard of Hawaii enters into a new and hopeful period of its existence. Reorganization is the slogan of the citizen soldiers, and with the certainty of a decent home in the near future, officers and enlisted men alike are showing far more interest in militia work.

The board of officers which was appointed January 23 of this year, for the purpose of making recommendations based upon a consideration of all matters appertaining to the National Guard of Hawaii, including the formation of new companies, the length of the enlistment period, and the creation of a reserve militia, has already held half a dozen meetings, and plans are being whirled into shape. This board is composed of Lieutenant Colonel Charles B. Cooper, surgeon general; Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Short, quartermaster general; Captains E. T. Winant and G. E. Smithies, ordnance department. Colonel Cooper has spent many years in the guard, and has been through the Field Service School for Medical Officers, at Leavenworth. The other members of the board have all had line experience.

A matter of intense interest to the guard is the detailing of another regular army officer as inspector-instructor.

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### MOANA HOTEL DANCE TONIGHT

A dance will be given at the Moana Hotel tonight with music furnished by a Hawaiian quintet club. The management cordially invites tourists, local army and navy and society town-folk to attend—advertisement.

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 4. —Beets: 88 analysis, 9s. 6 1/2-2d. Parity, 4 cents. Previous quotation, 9s. 6d.



John H. Wise  
Who has been called upon at a late hour to take hold of the Waikiki regatta and pageant, and who is tackling the job vigorously.

### Taft To Veto New Immigration Bill?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5. —On high and credible authority it is declared here that the president will veto the new immigration bill. Hearing will first be given, as already reported from Washington. The educational or literary test is given as the reason for the president's veto, as it is stated Mr. Taft does not believe in an immigration law that will bar aliens merely because they cannot pass this test.

C. S. ALBERT.

### 'SMOOTH SAILING,' SAYS INTER-ISLAND OFFICERS

Statements Made by Company and Captains Contradict Each Other—No Trouble, Says the One—Lots of It, Declares the Harbor—Ships Going Out with Full Crews and Some Old Officers

(Special Star-Bulletin Wireless). HILLO, T. H., Feb. 5.—The Inter-island steamers Helene, Kauai, Kaula and Keahou, all here, are still working. The masters and mates do not say what action they will take, but declare that they will not stop work in the midst of handling cargo.

In flat contradiction of each other are the reports from the camp of the captains and the office of the Inter-island company.

Says the company through its officials, "There is not a sign of difficulty. The walkout of the captains and mates has not affected the work of sending out the ships. The public is being well-served."

Says the captains through the chairman of the special committee, Captain Tulett, "The work of the company is being held up. Several of the ships are being held up. The company has now reached the limit of its tether. From today it

### HUMANE SOCIETY LAUNCHES PLAN FOR A BIG NEW HOME

A motion to the effect that the legislature be asked to appropriate \$50,000 for the erection of a concrete building for homeless children in Honolulu was made by Mrs. Sanford B. Dole, president of the Humane Society, and passed at the monthly meeting of that organization which was held in the Young hotel at nine o'clock this morning. The motion also contained a clause whereby the legislature be asked to donate to the society six or eight acres of land on which to locate the building, and to provide for the maintenance of the home.

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the report of Special Officer Miss Rose Davison, came up the matter of the summary removal by the board of supervisors of the horse which was turned over to Miss Davison to assist in her work as humane officer. On January 4 Miss

### FLORAL PARADE CHAIRMEN HARD AT WORK NOW

Chairman Vierra of Comic Section Says His Division Will Be Well Filled

"The comic section of the Floral Parade will be filled," said Henry Vierra, chairman of the committee on antiques and horrors, this morning. "We have entries in sight to make about as big a section as we want—and there are ideas in them, too. There are new things in the entries we are getting up, and I think the public will enjoy them. I'm not giving away the ideas at this time, but shall miss my guess if our section doesn't make a hit."

Vierra's ability in the comic line is well known, and big things are expected in his section. He hints at having drawn on certain sections of other islands for some of his schemes.

Entries Coming In. As the date for the parade approaches, entries are coming in faster. A notable new one for the auto section was made yesterday, when B. F. Ehlers & Co. decided to put in a big float. "We have placed an order for five hundred of a certain kind of flower," said Elmer E. Cheatham, assistant manager of the company, "and we think that our auto will make a striking showing."

Sam Walker, chairman of the auto section, says that he and his associates are meeting with much encouragement in getting up their part of the parade, and he expects a very large showing. The von Hamm-Jung company have offered a fine cup, which is on display in the window of H. F. Wichman & Co. for the best-decorated auto. It is a voluntary private offering, the committee having decided not to offer any official prizes this year.

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Henry Vierra  
A Floral Parade chairman who is already sure of all the entries he wants.

CHARLES BON BETTER  
According to statements made at the Queen's hospital this afternoon, Charles Bon, president of the Merchants' Association, is improving. "Mr. Bon is resting and is better than he was last night," said an official of the hospital.

Contrary to report, the surgeons have not performed an operation. Nothing definite could be learned regarding the intentions of the doctors in this regard.

### CAVALRY MAY HAVE A CAMP

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence). SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Feb. 5.—The Fourth cavalry is not going to take a back seat when it comes to the support of patriotic organizations. Among the officers, and enlisted men are many who are eligible for membership in the order of United Spanish War Veterans, and either a separate camp will be organized by the regiment, or else the men will apply for membership in the camp already started by the First infantry.

A meeting of officers and men who are eligible for the order has been called for this evening, and members of the red and yellow campaign badge will get together over some plan of organization.

Officers of the Fifth cavalry who were transferred to the Fourth are Captain Varlen D. Dixon and Lieut. Rawson Warren. Capt. Dixon has recently been assigned to Troop M and Lieut. Warren to Troop C. Captain Dixon is commanding his troop and Lieut. Warren is on leave of absence for one month visiting friends and relatives in Covina, Cal. Capt. Edwin B. Winans, who should arrive about the 13th inst. on the Sherman, belongs to Troop H, which is now commanded by Lieut. W. S. Martin.

The following-named men have been transferred to the machine gun platoon for duty from Troop B: Private Claude L. Simmons, Harry Kilen and Robert L. Gannon. From Troop C: Privates Harry Lewter and Thomas J. McIntosh.

Sergeant William C. Booker, Troop F, and Corporal Vernon McCord, Troop G, have been detailed on special duty in connection with the post exchange, cavalry canteen, the former in the salesroom, and the latter in charge of the garage.

### 'KONOHI FAT CHOY' IS NOW CELEBRATED

The old Chinese New Year, which will hereafter be known as the "Harvest Festival" was ushered in last evening with the popping of firecrackers and the clanging of gongs. "Konohei Fat Choy" was the greeting in the Chinese colony, and the festivities, which began early in the evening, lasted until midnight at which time a little of the old-fashioned celebration was in evidence.

All the old-time picturesqueness of former celebrations has been lost, and this was noticed last evening by the absence of the decorations which used to adorn the front of the business houses at this time of the year. There were few brilliant colorings and displays, and less lanterns and flags. There were no silk robes, and the dress of the men was purely Occidental as the new Republic of China has adopted the customs of other countries.

In accordance with the old custom of the Chinese New Year, the clubs were open last evening and the usual banquets and dinners were given, and for the rest of the week the houses

### JUDGE AND NURSE SLAIN BY FIEND

**Believed That Automobile Bandit Entered Room of Aged Jurist And Strangled Him Then Slew Nurse Who Let Him In as Only Witness to Murder—All France Thrilled by Brutality of the Affair**

(Associated Press Cable). PARIS, France, Feb. 5.—All France is thrilled by the ghastliness of the murder of Edouard Peillet, a wealthy member of the bar of Paris, and his nurse. The body of the judge was found by his valet this morning, with the marks of brutal fingers on the throat, and that of the nurse was discovered later, hacked to pieces with a small ax such as the automobile bandits and Apaches of Paris have been known to use in committing crimes of this nature.

The police believe that the nurse was an accomplice of the murderer, and admitted him to the chamber of the jurist, and was later killed by him as the only living witness of the crime. It is believed that the deed was done by an unrepentant member of the band of auto bandits, and the motive was vengeance.

### Turks Prepare For Offensive

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5.—The commander of Adrianople has issued into the war department here announcing that the damage done by the furious bombardment of the allies so far has been small. Only a few men have been killed and some fifty buildings set ablaze, says the dispatch. That the Turks are preparing to assume the offensive in the line of the Tofatalja is being reported here. The Grand Vizier, Mahmud Sherif, left here for the front last night, presumably with the intention of encouraging the commanders there into a forward movement against the foe. The cannon are to be distinctly heard from the streets of the city as the people are leaving here with their wives and children.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Although a rigid censorship is withholding many of the details of the fighting now going forward in the vicinity of Genoa, it has been learned that more than 1000 Turkish were captured by the allies when the garrison of that city attempted a sortie last night.

### Katsura Cabinet Censured

TOKIO, Japan, Feb. 5.—After a bitter attack upon Prime Minister Katsura this morning the Diet censured his premiership and declared it unconstitutional in the last degree. Immediately after the vote of censure the Emperor announced that he had suspended the Diet for five days in order to allow it to cool off.

The city and country is intensely excited over the crisis and the people met in vast crowds today and cheered the constitutionalists who they appeared. Efforts were made to mob the supporters of the cabinet but were prevented by the police and soldiers.

### Women Weary of Jail Cells

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Martyrdom is all right, but the imprisoned suffragettes are getting tired of it and today granted permission to their friends to pay their fines and get them out of the prison cells where they have been ever since their arrest on charges of malicious mischief in smashing windows of the day following the refusal of the administration to incorporate woman suffrage in the suffrage bill. Sylvia Pankhurst and 19 other women for the cause were accordingly set at liberty this morning.

### Bradley Martin Is Dead

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Bradley Martin, the well known social leader of New York and Newport died at his home here today. No arrangements have been announced as yet for his funeral, which it is believed will be most simple, by the expressed wish of Mr. Martin.

### To Probe Rockefeller In Secret

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The probe of William Rockefeller by the money trust committee will be held at the hotel in Jekyll Island, South Carolina, beginning Friday, and it will be held in secret. The announcement was made this morning that no newspaper men would be admitted to the examination of the old oil magnate.

### ALAKEA STREET PROPERTY RISE

Evidence of the appreciation of property on Alakea street, in the vicinity of the Star-Bulletin office, is afforded in a mortgage just made by Mary Beatrice Campbell Beckley and husband to the estate of the late S. C. Allen, of the Honolulu Automobile Stand premises, at the south corner of Alakea and Hotel streets, containing 7903 square feet. It is for \$25,000, additional security being given in three \$1000 six per cent bonds of the Olan Sugar Co. which makes the land stand for \$22,000 of the loan. Interest is at six per cent per annum.

This is the property for which it was lately reported George C. Beckley had received a quick claim deed from the trustees of his late father's estate. He later transferred it to Mrs. Beckley. It was sold to him, with three automobiles, by his father about twenty months ago for \$23,000 and odd on

will be open to visitors. Several of the prominent Chinese merchants of the city entertained at their homes. The celebration will continue until Friday evening.

A man who was thrown off a New York Central freight train as a result of which he had his two feet cut off, sued the company and has just had judgment of \$38,500 affirmed by higher court. Because of a recent court decision greatly reducing the city's expected revenue, Chicago faces a deficit of \$70,000. The salaries of all city employees have already been cut 20 per cent. Anna Gould, the Duchess of Talleyrand, formerly the Duchess of Castiglione, has arrived in America with her four year old son, and attended a wedding of her sister, Helen Gould. A Harvard student was expelled for entertaining a "relative" in the dormitory, who with three companions "entertained" the entire dormitory in pajama parties and dances. The steamship Cartaginian of the Allen line arrived at Philadelphia with exciting tales of fire at sea in the midst of a terrific gale. The passengers—two women and 124 men—helped to fight the flames until help from other steamers was received.

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